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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING RESTAURANTS TO DONATE ANY LEFTOVER FOOD TO HOMELESS
SHELTERS AT THE END OF THEIR BUSINESS DAY.

1 WHEREAS, according to the Green Restaurant Association, a
2 single restaurant in the United States wastes about fifty
3 thousand pounds of food a year; and
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5 WHEREAS, many restaurants are unwilling to donate leftover
6 food at the end of the business day to homeless shelters out of
7 fear of being held liable for any health problems that result
8 from their donation; and
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10 WHEREAS, food donations made by restaurants are already
11 protected from liability under the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan
12 Food Donation Act of 1996; and
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14 WHEREAS, under section 145D-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, any
15 donor of food products, who donates in good faith for
16 distribution or use by a charitable, religious, or nonprofit
17 organization to needy persons is, generally protected from
18 liability; and
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20 WHEREAS, food waste is a serious problem in that when food
21 is left in landfills it produces a large amount of methane,
22 negatively impacting the environment; and
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24 WHEREAS, many of Hawai'i's food drives need food donations
25 to feed the needy; now, therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
28 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, that
29 restaurants are encouraged to donate any leftover food to
30 homeless shelters at the end of their business day; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
33 requested to release a public service announcement that
34 clarifies that restaurants are protected under the Bill Emerson
35 Good Samaritan Food Donation Act of 1996 and applicable state
36 law; and



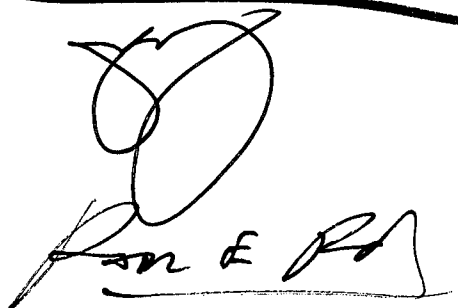
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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
3 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health and
4 Executive Director of the Hawaii Restaurant Association.
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